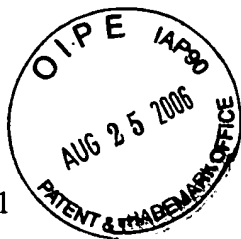


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Sir:

A Decision on Petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment was granted in the referenced application on December 20, 2005. Since more than six months have elapsed since that date, and no action has been received, Applicant respectfully requests that the undersigned attorney be informed of the status of the referenced application.

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